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Remote Access to DNHN Users; PC and Printer Refresh Plan; Outliers
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Remote Access

Who will get remote access to the network?

INPO is providing dial-in access to approximately 200 customers in an initial test phase that will run through 30 July 1997. During the test phase, INPO will modify existing hardware and software requirements as necessary to accommodate initial and projected users. The results will determine full scale operation and support for the follow-on period to begin August 1997. User justifications will be used by Gary Wyckoff, 695-8854, and Barney Thomson, 695-5038, the SECNAV and OPNAV Requirements Officers, to determine priorities for the installation of remote access software and future distribution of INPO laptops.

Can I get dial-in software for my personal machine?

INPO will load dial-in software onto non-INPO laptops upon approval by the SECNAV or OPNAV Requirements Officers.

Who will be able to get INPO laptops?

As funding allows INPO will acquire a pool of laptops to be available for temporary checkout by other personnel. There also may be limited numbers of laptops available on a longer-term basis for personnel who travel frequently.

What resources will I be able to access to when I dial into the DNHN?

The same basic functions granted to DNHN users on site will be granted on a remote dial-in basis. However, due to the limited number of dial-in lines currently available, users are encouraged to limit usage and work off-line when possible. Remote usage of DNHN resources is for official Government business only and user sessions will be subject to monitoring.

Computer Support

How often will my computer be replaced?

To ensure that SECNAV and OPNAV personnel have computers in line with state-of-the-market requirements, DNHN desktop machines will be replaced approximately every four years. The POM will reflect this replacement cycle. The current DNHN Standard machine is a Pentium 100 or equivalent with 16MB RAM and 1 GB of storage which meets the DoD DMS Standard.

The computer needs of some personnel may vary from the norm. Is there any latitude to vary the type of machine installed?

The INPO Program Manager will be given latitude to modify the standard machine. He/she will be able to procure a less capable or a more capable machine when it makes sense to do so. Requests should be forwarded through your Requirements Officer.

What about printers?

Where possible, one printer should support ten or more personnel. The four year replacement policy will apply to printers as well as computers.

Does INPO also provide equipment to the reservists, detailees, and contractors that work in SECNAV and OPNAV offices?

INPO will support and provide equipment to the following additional categories of personnel while they are working on site in DNHN offices: (1) contractor staff under GFE contract language; (2) full-time reservists and long-term professional detailee assignments but not for short-term (e.g., two week) assignments; and (3) others if funding is available.

Will INPO be providing computer support to the OPNAV and SECNAV outlier offices?

INPO will eventually support all the OPNAV and SECNAV activities that are within the metropolitan area and "would live in the Pentagon if the Pentagon were large enough." The term "support" includes supplying connections to the DNHN, refreshment of hardware and software, and helpdesk services. Needs of each outlier organization are being studied on a case-by-case basis to determine the best method for integration over the next two years.

Will A/B switches be available for users with both classified and unclassified computers?

INPO will provide A/B switches to all Flags and SESs who request them. INPO will create an arrangement of different screen colors that will help the users distinguish between their classified and unclassified systems.